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SUBJECT: JOINT COMMERCIAL COMMISSION

1. SOVIET TRADE REPRESENTATIVE MKRTUMOV (ACCOMPANIED BY ZINOV'YEV OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE) CALLED ON TREASURY UNDERSECRETARY SOLOMON MARCH 3 TO DISCUSS TIMING OF JOINT COMMERCIAL COMMISSION MEETING. MKRTUMOV SAID THAT MINISTER PATOLICHEV WAS PREPARED TO MEET DURING THE WEEK OF MAY 29.

2. MARJORY SEARING INFORMED ZINOV'YEV ON MARCH 7 THAT WE WOULD PREFER TO HOLD THE MEETING IN THE SECOND HALF OF NOVEMBER, AND TO HAVE IT COINCIDE, IF POSSIBLE, WITH THE MEMBERS/DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL (THE COUNCIL HAS INDICATED TO TREASURY THAT IT WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER ADJUSTING THE DATES OF ITS MEETING ACCORDINGLY). SHE EXPLAINED THAT THE LATER DATE WAS  
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PREFERABLE BECAUSE A NUMBER OF OTHER CABINET-LEVEL VISITS TO MOSCOW - INCLUDING ONE BY MRS. KREPS - WERE ALREADY SCHEDULED FOR THE SPRING, AND BECAUSE OF SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL'S TRAVEL SCHEDULE.

3. SOLOMON ALSO TOLD MKRTUMOV THAT BEGINNING IN 1979 WE WOULD WANT TO ARRANGE THE COUNCIL AND COMMISSION MEETINGS

SO THAT ONE WOULD BE HELD IN MOSCOW AND THE OTHER IN WASHINGTON EACH YEAR. MKRTUMOV AGREED THAT SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL COULD SET UP SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WITH PATOLICHEV DURING THIS YEAR'S COMMISSION MEETING.

4. THE SOVIET SUGGESTED THAT THE EXPERTS WORKING GROUP MEET IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE COMMISSION MEETING. SOLOMON AGREED. VANCE

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